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Mr. Lanny Jensen
P. O. Box 416
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Dear Mr. Jensen:

Re: Permitting and Reclamation Surety for B & J Gypsum Mine,
S/015/041, Emery County, Utah

The Division has received the Bureau of Land Management's recent Record of Decision document, addressing the B & J Gypsum mine. We are in concurrence with the conditions and stipulations found within this document.

The document discusses a total disturbance of 63 acres over a 12-year period, and an expected average of over 6 acres a year of disturbed area (given that contemporaneous reclamation is performed and successful). As soon as the operation expands over 5 acres, the Division will require a Large Mine Notice and reclamation surety.

This surety will probably be more than the \$10,000, which has been required by the BLM, since they work with a surety cap per acre. The average state surety cost per acre is approximately \$3,000. For 6 acres you would be required to post approximately \$18,000. We anticipate the B & J site going beyond the 5 acre cap after the completion of Area A, as described by your plan and the BLM's Decision Document (by spring of 1992).

The operation is currently considered a Small Mine, under our minerals rules. To avoid operational delays please plan ahead for Large Mine Permitting and the posting of a larger surety.

Please contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Holland Shepherd
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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